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SUBJECT: 1) MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY (CICYT) AND 2) ARGENTINE PAYMENT FOR
SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM REPORTED

REF: STATE 112721

SUMMARY: CICYT MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES, MAY 26-30, REVIEWED
PROPOSED OAS PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR FY 1976.
FINAL REPORT WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BY JUNE 3. RE SPECIAL
PROJECTS PROGRAM, CICYT WAS TOLD THAT ARGENTINE ARRANGEMENTS
TO PAY TOTAL PLEDGE WERE NEARLY COMPLETE; AND WHEN ADDED
TO RECENT PAYMENTS BY OTHER MEMBERS WOULD CALL DOWN REST
OF U.S. PLEDGE OF \$4 MILLION TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS
PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. AMONG PROGRAM ISSUES STRESSED BY CICYT WAS NEED FOR MORE
MULTINATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY SCHOLARSHIPS
(THROUGH OAS AND BILATERALLY) AND PROJECTS INVOLVING PARTICIPA-
TION BY LARGER NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. IMPORTANCE OF SPECIAL
PROJECTS PROGRAM'S CONTRIBUTION TO DYNAMISM OF PROGRAM WAS
ALSO STRESSED. CICYT SUGGESTED OTHER IMPORTANT AIDS TO HELP
CONTINUED UPDATING OF PROGRAM WOULD BE SMALL OAS ALLOCATION
FOR MEETINGS TO DISCUSS MORE CONCENTRATED REGIONAL PROGRAMS
AND REGULARIZED CONSULTATION WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS IMMEDIATELY
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PRIOR TO CICYT MEETINGS. RECOMMENDED FULL COMMITMENT OF

BASIC PROGRAM ALLOCATION OF \$5,765,500 FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. CICYT DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO LIMIT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL COSTS AND TENURE FOR CONTRACT PERSONNEL. COMMITTEE URGED THAT CIECC REGULATIONS FOR CICYT BE REVISED, AS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY CEP CIECC EARLIER.

3. ARGENTINA STATED UNOFFICIALLY THAT ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD APPROVED FULL PAYMENT ON MAY 26 OF ARGENTINA'S PLEDGE OF \$417,4860 TO THE SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRAM AND THAT THE PAPERS SHOULD BE IN PROCESS, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED. WHEN ADDED TO OTHER PAYMENTS REPORTED TO CICYT (E.G. COLOMBIA, MEXICO), THIS WOULD CALL DOWN PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE U.S. PLEDGE OF \$4 MILLION TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM FOR FY 1975.

4. FINAL REPORT IS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY OAS SECRETARIAT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 2.
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